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NOTES FROM PACIFIC COAST OBSERVATORIES.

The change in the heading of this department of the *Publications* has been under consideration for some time. The substitution of the broader title "Notes from Pacific Coast Observatories" for the "Notices from the Lick Observatory" does not mean that there has been the least change in the intimate and cordial relations that have existed between the Lick Observatory and the Astronomical Society of the Pacific from the time of the Society's inception. It is rather a recognition of the steadily increasing importance of the Pacific Coast as an astronomical center, of which the recent founding of the great Solar Observatory of the Carnegie Institution at Mt. Wilson is substantial evidence; and it is in harmony with the policy of the Directors to make the Society what its name—the Astronomical Society of the Pacific—indicates, representative of the astronomical interests of the entire Pacific Coast.

Notes relating to the observatories west of the Rocky Mountains or to the work of astronomers in this section of the country will be printed in this department. These notes will be signed, and the author will in every case be responsible for the statements made. Notes relating to astronomical work elsewhere, items of interest taken from other periodicals, reviews of astronomical publications, etc., will be printed under the heading "General Notes." These notes may or may not be signed, the Editors accepting full responsibility for those unsigned. Longer articles will, as heretofore, precede these departments.

The co-operation of all members of the Society—and especially of those connected with observatories on the Pacific Coast—in sustaining and increasing the value and interest of the *Publications* is cordially invited.

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